

# BUILDING ACTIVITY IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT

## TEN NEW COTTAGES

### AT PLEASANT VIEW.

Six are Already Underway and Contracts Signed for Others—Good sized Colony Now.

Westerly, Feb. 26.—There is some activity in the building line at Pleasant View and before the next season opens there is probability that there will be ten new cottages that will be occupied for the first time. The Isaac Sherman company is at work in the construction of 6 and contracts have been awarded for the others. New cottages are in course of construction for Mrs. Della Wheeler, two of them and one each for Miss Pendleton of North Stonington, Miss Wheeler of Putnam, Joe Chapelle of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Frederick Parks of Ansonia, and Max Novogroki of Westerly. The first cottage was built by Courtland G. Bliven in 1894, but the real natural advantages of that now growing resort was not appreciated until about five years ago and now there are one hundred and eleven cottages in the colony. Pleasant View beach was formerly part of the farm owned by Benjamin Franklin Clarke, Benjamin Franklin Crandall and William Franklin Saunders, and the development of the beach is due in a large degree to the present action of Captain Saunders and Mrs. Saunders. The trolley company was given a right of way to the beach through the Saunders farm which carried with it much land that is valuable. In addition the trolley company was given shore front property easily worth \$4,000 as building lots, which included the site of the Casino at Atlantic beach, and the company has ample room for contemplated improvements. Of course Captain and Mrs. Saunders have sold off many building lots as have also Messrs. Clarke and Crandall, and more are available, all of which increased the value of what was formerly classed as farm land, with the incidental shore privileges.

## STATE INDUSTRIES EXPAND

New Building Planned in Several Cities—Hartford Carpet Corporation's New Storehouse.

New industrial building in Connecticut includes an addition to the weave shed of the D. B. Smith Company in Pine Meadow, which is to be of concrete and 30 by 40 size and one story high; the rebuilding of the plant of the Shay Fertilizer Company at Groton; the new buildings to be of concrete construction and fireproof; a steel storage shed of one story by the Corbin Screw division of the American Hardware Corporation in New Britain, which is to be one story in height and 95 by 18 feet; and two new buildings for the Stamford Gas and Electric Company in Stamford, a two-story brick and concrete storehouse 60 by 60 and a one-story garage of similar construction 60 by 60 feet.

The Hartford Carpet Corporation at Thompsonville, has under way the construction of a large brick building, to be four stories high, 300 feet long and 70 feet deep, with basement, containing in all about 100,000 square feet of floor space. The new building is to be used as a storehouse, with the first floor as a shipping room.

## NIANTIC.

The Knickerbocker hotel, better known as the Morton house, was sold last week by Mrs. Harry E. Phipps, who has owned it for some time, to Harry Gipstein of Hartford, who intends to open it this summer as a first class summer hotel. This hotel several years ago was considered one of the finest summer hotels on Long Island sound and was patronized by the best people of the state.

## Won't Stay Bought.

What's that? London suffragettes breaking the plate-glass windows of an Oxford street merchant, who has contributed to their cause? Won't they stay bought?—Indianapolis News.

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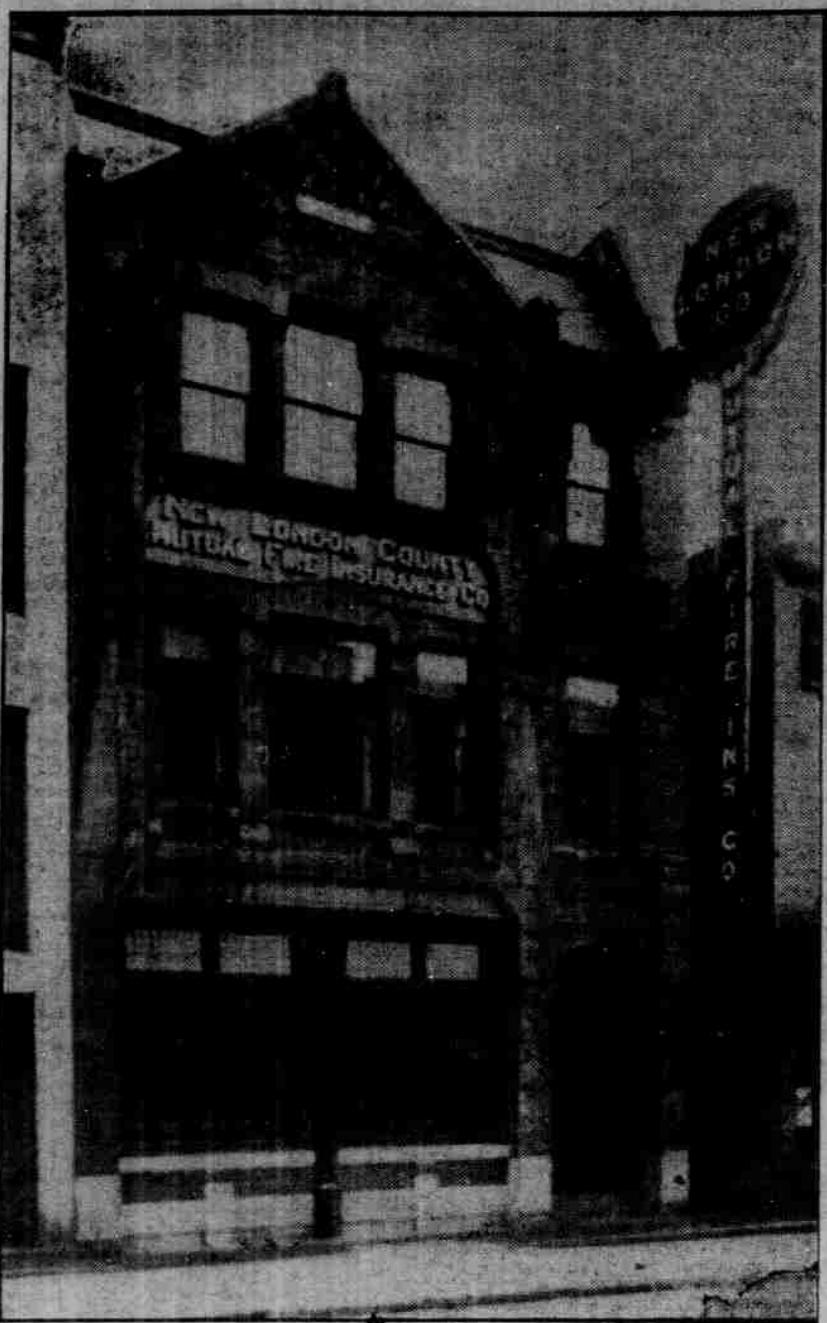
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## BROADWAY BLOCK AFTER CHANGES

New London County Mutual Fire Insurance Company Can Soon Occupy Its New Building—Will do so by April First.

With its new big sign in position and lighted up for a trial on Saturday night, the new home of the New London County Mutual Fire Insurance company blossomed out as one of the most conspicuous business houses on Broadway. Externally the building is practically finished with the placing of the big sign, which is prominently conspicuous alike by night and by day, so that no one passing that way can fail to observe the home location of the company. Inside the building the last few things are being done to place it ready for use and occupancy. These consist of the installation of ventilating appliances for the transoms over the office partitions, finishing up the oak desks and cabinets and filing cases on the main office floor, while Mailett is putting a gold leaf sign on the main entrance door. In the board of directors' room upstairs there is yet one more coat of finish to be put on the woodwork before that is done.

As the company has a lease until April 1st in its present location in the Thames Loan and Trust company building, it will be in no hurry to get into the new quarters, but some time in the coming month will make the change so as to be comfortably settled in the Broadway building by April 1st.

The builders have pushed the work on the addition to the freight shed and it is now closed in and in use for the storage of freight, though the finishing touches remain to be applied. The doors and windows remain to be placed, after which the painters will have a chance at it.

## SOUTH MANCHESTER.

Three-Story Brick Addition To Factory of J. T. Robertson Co.  
South Manchester, Feb. 26.—Plans are being completed for the new addition to the factory of the J. T. Robertson Co. on Hilliard street. It will be six to eight stories high, built of brick, mill construction, with a tar and gravel roof.  
The new four-family house being erected on Rosenthal place, East Hartford, for Mr. Rosenthal, is now ready to finish.  
The new store and tenement house being erected on Bissell street for James J. Farrard, is now ready for plastering.

## PORTLAND.

Estimates are being received for the addition to the Central School in Portland. John Bransfield of that place is Chairman of the Committee. The building will be 28x70 feet, two stories high, constructed of brick and brownstone, with slate roof.

## BUILDING OPERATIONS IN NEW ENGLAND.

The statistics of Building Operations in New England, compiled by The F. W. Dodge Company, follow:  
Contracts to Feb. 19, 1913. \$17,948,000  
Contracts to Feb. 19, 1912. 16,396,000  
Contracts to Feb. 19, 1911. 14,152,000  
Contracts to Feb. 19, 1910. 15,647,000  
Contracts to Feb. 19, 1909. 14,278,000  
Contracts to Feb. 19, 1908. 6,049,000  
Contracts to Feb. 19, 1907. 15,590,000  
Contracts to Feb. 19, 1906. 11,620,000  
Contracts to Feb. 19, 1905. 8,759,000  
Contracts to Feb. 19, 1904. 7,482,000  
Contracts to Feb. 19, 1903. 8,717,000  
Contracts to Feb. 19, 1902. 10,441,000  
Contracts to Feb. 19, 1901. 9,224,000

## Groton Contract Awarded.

The contract for the construction of the new storage building of the plant of the C. M. Shay Fertilizer company, which was destroyed by fire recently at Groton, has been awarded. Work on the construction has been started and will be pushed to completion as soon as possible. The roof to the engine and boiler house was completed.

The light that lies in a woman's eyes may tell the truth

## Second Chappell Building.

The second of the buildings which the Chappell company has reconstructed since the fire has been roofed in and the outer covering is now being put on. This was the building occupied by the Peck-McWilliams company.

## Shannon's Majestic.

As long as the weather permitted masons were making good progress on the rear, crosswalks and sidewalks for J. B. Shannon's new Majestic building, on the site of the Lucas block in Shetucket and Little Water streets. These had been built to the height of the section and floor, but for the last few weeks the cold has put a stop to the work. An early resumption, however, is anticipated. Material for many of these walls is furnished by the razed Lucas building.

## Taftville Hotel.

John Desjardais, owner of the Taftville Hotel on Merchants avenue Taftville is painting the interior of his place of business and is having a side room made over into an office. The proposed office is now painted, the ceiling and upper part of the walls, being a bright blue and the lower part of the walls, red, the whole finished off with red trimmings. The work will be completed within a few days.

Plans are being figured for alterations to a store on Shetucket street leased by P. W. Woolworth & Co. The floor will be lowered, a new plate glass front built on, and other changes made.

## MIDDLETOWN

Plans Being Figured For \$30,000 Chapter House For Beta Theta Pi.

Middletown, Feb. 26.—Plans are being figured for the new chapter house to be erected at the corner of High and Church streets for the Beta Theta Pi Society of Wesleyan College. It will be built of tapestry brick up to the second floor and the remainder will be of frame, with the exterior stucco. It will be 36x70 feet, three stories high, with an ell 25x30 feet, and will have a slate roof, steam heat, mantels, fireplaces and hardwood finish. The cost will be about \$30,000.

## Contract for New House.

Linus Baldwin has been awarded the contract for a new house to be erected on Evergreen avenue for Frank Johnson. It will be of frame construction and will contain eight rooms, with all modern improvements.

## House Ready to Finish.

The new one-family house being erected at 251 Pearl street by James O'Connor for himself is now ready to finish.

## Cottage Ready to Plaster.

The new cottage being erected in Portland, on Freestone avenue for John Sullivan, Jr., is now ready for plastering. The plumbing is being installed in the new house of James Murphy at Glover place.

## Overlooking a Bet.

Dr. Cook is strangely persistent considering the chance for further publicity given him by the news from the Antares.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## Was to Be Expected.

Senator Penrose has come out now as a woman's advocate. No wonder Armageddon Bill is speechless.—Washington Post.

## Lacks Only the Votes.

Colonel Lewis is both suited and haunted to be Senator.—Chicago News.

## Vindicating Kipling.

Those London suffragettes seem to persist in trying to vindicate Rudyard Kipling.—Detroit Free Press.

It's the easiest thing in the world to go from bad to worse

## BUILDING AND REALTY.

Outlook For a Busy Spring Is Good—Many Plans Out.

Sales of real estate, as shown by the warranty deeds filed in the towns reported in The Commercial Record, last week numbered 268, with mortgage loans of \$788,988, against 217 sales and mortgage loans of \$628,223 for the same week of last year.

The record of new incorporations is somewhat larger than any like week in the four previous years. This year 17 are reported, having a total authorized capital stock of \$4,147,500. Last year there were 15 incorporations, with capital stock of \$12,000.

The record of bankruptcy petitions continues about the same as last year. Five petitions, with assets of \$3,762 and liabilities of \$23,877 are reported against seven petitions, with assets of \$21,346 and liabilities of \$46,823 last year.

Applications for building permits in the cities of New Haven, Hartford, Bridgeport and Waterbury remain about the same, no large increase being noted in the four weeks New permits were filed for buildings costing \$145,150, the largest number being filed in Hartford.

Contracts have been awarded during the week for a parish house in Hartford, brick theater in Waterbury, business block in Bridgeport, fine residence in Fairfield, brewery addition in New Haven, and a number of smaller projects.

A large amount of new work is reported in various parts of the State, and the outlook for a busy spring is good. Plans are being prepared for a schoolhouse and convent in Wallingford, to cost about \$50,000, and plans have been completed for an addition to a schoolhouse in Windsor. Plans are also being figured for a schoolhouse in Portland, and an architect has just been selected for the new \$300,000 high school in Bridgeport. In New Haven several large residences are reported, and in Stamford are being prepared for a large addition to the electric plant and for a large apartment building. Plans are also being prepared for a business block in Bristol, an apartment house in Shelton, society building in Middletown, and a fertilizing plant in Groton. Besides these the usual number of small frame houses are reported in almost all the cities of the State.

Norwich had eleven real estate sales last week to four of last week. The mortgage loans were \$4,100 last year but nothing this year.

New London's real estate sales numbered six this past week to two last year, the loans being \$21,400 this year to \$2,950 last year.

## NEW YORK-CONNECTICUT BOUNDARY MADE DEFINITE.

Has Varied Much in 250 Years and Been Cause of Conflict, Particularly in Salisbury Town.

Governor Sulzer of New York state has signed the Levy bill establishing a definite boundary line between Connecticut and New York. There is a bill before the Connecticut legislature at the present time, introduced on recommendation of Governor Baldwin, of the same purport, which is to legalize the boundary lines run and establish by the geological survey within the past five years.

Since the establishment of the American colonies the boundary line between Connecticut and New York has been more vague than an imaginary line; it has been an unknown quantity, one period of years locating it in certain spots and another moving it just a little to the east or west. Folks who live near the border say it changed with every survey.

## Caused Bloody Conflicts.

Certain it is that it has moved about some since the days of Livingston Manor, that immense grant of land in Dutchess and Columbia counties, New York, went out of operation. Livingston Manor was created by a preliminary act of Governor Thomas Dongan of New York in 1685 and another act signed by him in 1686, granting to Robert Livingston, of Scotland, a patent which was confirmed by royal authority from George I., the English king, in 1715. It contained a tract of 102,000 acres and extended east from the Hudson river, its northerly boundary line being the towns of Claverack and Hillsdale, and the southern boundary about in the vicinity of Amsterdam.

Where its eastern boundary was is hard to say, and that troublesome question gave rise to several bloody conflicts in the town of Salisbury a century and a half ago. The York state folks along the border claiming that Livingston Manor extended to the Canaan falls in the Housatonic river, and pointing out a certain well into the town of Salisbury.

Descriptions of these eastern boundaries of the manor were pretty vague. The lines ran to heaps of stones and trees blazed with the letter "L" the corners of woodland patches, and even early maps of the manor took in the Taghkanic mountains and then had the narrow projection which must have come a considerable distance into the state of Connecticut.

## In Later Years.

In later years, when the Salisbury people had convinced the York state folks that Salisbury was in Connecticut, the boundary line was anything but satisfactorily definite, and even the data, given to the last geological survey to find the old boundary and establish a new one as close to it as possible, described the line as running to heaps of charcoal, fence corners, a broken white birch tree and other points which of course have disappeared in the course of time.

## Should Stop Thinking.

England loses money on its telegraph lines, but Hitchcock thinks we could make money out of ours.—Philadelphia Record.

## Their Turn to Laugh.

Porfirio Diaz and Abdul Hamid must find great comfort in the newspapers.—New York Sun.

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